

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:

Ernest Y. Martin, Chair; Tulsi Gabbard, Vice-Chair;
Stanley Chang, Breene Harimoto, Ann H. Kobayashi

Committee Meeting Held
May 17, 2011

Honorable Nestor R. Garcia
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Budget, which considered Resolution 11-74 entitled:

“RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2011
TO JUNE 30, 2012,”

for which a public hearing was held at the April 20, 2011 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to set the real property tax rates for the City and County of Honolulu for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The Director of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services testified in support of the Resolution.

Budget Committee Member Harimoto expressed concern that the property tax rate proposed by the Mayor and his Administration reflects an increase of 8 cents to the residential homeowner classification from the previous Fiscal Year. Councilmember Harimoto stated that he would have preferred the Administration to find other ways to balance the budget versus increasing the property taxes especially in these tough economic times. Councilmember Harimoto also stated that he is opposed to the increase but acknowledges that he does not have a proposal to balance the budget

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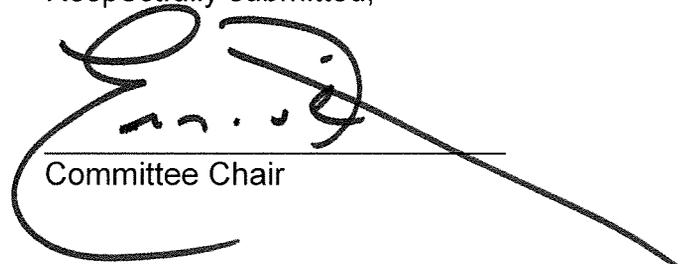
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without this Resolution. Councilmember Berg also noted the same concerns expressed by Councilmember Harimoto.

Committee Member Chang is very concerned about the proposed increase in owner-occupied homeowner real property tax rate and expressed disappointment that the Administration did not explore a fairer way to balance the budget.

Your Committee on Budget is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 11-74 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Martin, Chang, Kobayashi – 3; Ayes with reservations: Harimoto – 1; Noes: None; Excused: Gabbard - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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